

MANAGEMENT DECISIONS OF WIDE PUBLIC CONCERN CAN BE EVALUATED AND FORMULATED.]]

SECTION [[2]] 1. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections [[1 through 11, inclusive, which are renumbered to be Sections 3 through 13, inclusive,]] 1 and 2 of Article 88C - State Planning, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 88C - State Planning

[[[]]]1. [[]]] [[3.]] Department of State Planning
Created; Purposes.

There shall be a Department of State Planning responsible to the Governor, headed by the Secretary of State Planning, as provided for in § 226 of Article 41 of this Code. It shall be the purpose of the [Department of State Planning] DEPARTMENT to function as the Governor's staff agency in planning matters, and to prepare, recommend and keep up to date a balanced, integrated program for the development and effective employment of the natural and other resources of the State, in order to promote the health, safety and general welfare of its citizens. In the execution of its purposes, the Department [of State Planning] shall function as an advisory, consultative and coordinating agency, (1) harmonizing its planning activities with the planning activities of departments, agencies or instrumentalities of State or local government; (2) rendering necessary planning assistance; (3) stimulating public interest and participation in the development of the State; (4) coordinating the plans and programs of all State departments, agencies and instrumentalities; and (5) coordinating the State programs with the federal government. [[[]]]Nothing contained in this article shall operate in derogation of planning powers conferred upon departments, agencies or instrumentalities of State or local government by any existing State or local law. [[]]] [[THE PLAN OR ANY PART THEREOF ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE THE PLAN OF THE STATE AND NO DECISION SHALL BE TAKEN BY ANY OTHER STATE UNIT INCONSISTENT WITH THE PLAN.]]

[[[]]] 2. [[]]] [[4.]] Powers and Duties of Department [of State Planning].

(a) In general. - The Department of State Planning shall:

(b) State development plan. - Prepare, and from